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Sir:

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The listed foreign documents were cited in an Office Action dated May 22, 2006, issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Office Action is also enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 4,710,763 is a U.S. counterpart to JP-61-221830.

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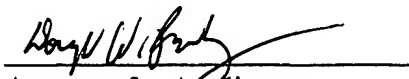
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